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| **Openings and answers** |
|  | **Art?** | **Min.** | **Meaning** | **Answers** | **Further bidding** | **Further remarks** |
| 1§ |  | 3 | 11+ HCPwith 4-4 §/¨ we open 1¨ | Walsh, inverted minor (both not after interventions)2♦ minimulti (0-7 HCP with 6card ♥ or ♠); 3♦ is weak with ♦2♥/♠ 10-11 HCP with 6card ♥ or ♠ | After 2♣: 2NT balanced minimum 3♣ unbalanced minimumAfter 1§-1♦-1NT: 2♦ is GF and 3♦ is invite | 1X (1Y) 2Z 10+, 5card, but 2§ is system-onLebensohl after jump overcall1§-1¨-1©-1ª: GF transfer to 1NT1§-1¨-1©-2ª: 4th suit forcingTwo-way Check Back Stayman(also after intervention)Help suit trials, after eg Ghestem 3 in opener’s suit is to play, a cue bid is an invite1X (1Y) 1NT does not promise a stopperSame applies for 1X (1Y) 1Z (pass) 1NT |
| 1¨ |  | 3 | 11+ HCPwith 4-4 §/¨ we open 1¨ | inverted minor, not after interventions2♥/♠ 10-11 HCP with 6card ♥ or. ♠ | After 2♦: 2NT balanced minimum 3♦ unbalanced minimum |
| 1©/ª |  | 5 | 11+ HCP | 1NT 6-11 (12), semiforcing2§ GF with 4+crd § or 3crd support; 2¨ GF with 4+crd ¨1© -> 2ª weak, 6crd ª; 1ª -> 3© splinter2NT 10-13 HCP, 3+crd support, also after intervention3§/¨ 9-11 HCP, 6+crd ♣/♦3NT 14-16 HCP, balanced, 4crd support | After 1x - 2§: 2♦ 15+ HCP2x 11-14 HCP, unbalanced2y 11-14 HCP, 4crd other major2NT 11-14 HCP, balancedAfter 1x – 1NT is 2§ Gazzilli |
| 1NT |  |  | 15-17 HCP balanced, 6card m or 5card M possible | Stayman (may be weak) including Smolen, Jacoby, Rubensohl, Roman Gerber, quantitative 4NT, 3§ is GF Puppet Stayman, 3♥ is 5-5 ♥/♠ game try, 3 is 5-5 ♥/♠ game forcing, afterwards 4X is cue for ♠ and 3NT asks cue for © | After answer to Stayman 3♦ is minor suit ask:3♥ length ♣3♠ length ♦3NT after 2♦ 4-4 in minors, after 2♥/♠ 3-3 | After penalty dbl on 1NT we play system-on; after suitshowing dbl Rubensohl. 1NT-4♠ =5/5 ♦/♣ slam going (4NT sign off, then 5♣ pass or correct) |
| 2§ | X |  | Weak with 5+card ¨ and 4card major (or xxxxx) or SF in suit or 20-21 or 24-25 (semi)balanced | 2¨: relay2©: ©/ª or ©/¨2ª: ª/¨2NT: asks further description | After 2NT: 3§ = weak with ♥, 3♦ = weak with ♠, 3♥ = strong with ♠, 3♠ = strong with ♥After 2¨: 2© = SF © or 24-25 NT, 2ª asksAfter 2x: 2NT = 20-21 NT | After any 2NT-rebid: Puppet Stayman, Jaco­by, 3ª=§, 4§=¨, 4♠=5/5 ♦/♣ slam going (4NT sign off, then 5♣ pass or correct) |
| 2¨ | X |  | Weak © or ª (6+card) or GF in suit or 22-23 HCP or 26+ HCP (semi)balanced | 2© relay; 2ª forcing for ©2NT relay: 3§/¨ is weaker weak two in ©/ª 3ª/© is stronger weak two in ©/ª3/4© pass or correct4§ asks for transfer to weak two, 4¨ asks suit itself | After 2♠: pass weak two in ♠ 3♣ GF ♣ 3♦ GF ♦ 3♥ weak two in ♥After 2NT-3§/¨, 3¨/© asks for weak/medium | After 2♥ - 2♠ - 2NT:3x strong weak two with feature in x3♠ weak weak two |
| 2© | X | 5/4+ | Pula2, weak with 5+card © and 4+card in any other suit | 2ª confirms © as trump suit, 2NT asks 2nd suit, 3§ is to play,3¨ is game try for 4♥, 4♥ is two-way | After 2ª: bidding a cue or 3©After 2NT: second suit, 3© = ª |  |
| 2ª | X | 5/4+ | Pula2, weak with 5+card ª and 4+card in any other suit | 3§ confirms ª as trump suit, 2NT asks 2nd suit,3¨ is game try for 4ª, 4ª is two-way | After 3§: bidding a cue or 3ªAfter 2NT: second suit |
| 2NT | X |  | Weak with 5-4 §/¨ (vuln. 5-5) or GF two- or threesuited hand | 3§/¨: preference, 3♥: strong and asking for void, then 3♠ = void, 3NT is no void; after 3♠ asks 4♣ the void: 4¨ = ♥, 4♥ = ♠ | New suit is GF, to be accepted with anything but the next bid (cue), next bid asks 2nd suit |
| 3x |  | 6 | preemptive |  |  |
| 3NT | X | 7 | Namyats in © or ª | 4§ asks to bid suits with transfer, 4¨ asks to bid suit itself |  |
| 4x |  | 7 | preemptive |  |  |
| **Higher levels** | mixed cue bids, splinters  | RKC (1430; with ♣ 3014), asking for trump Q (next bid no Q; 5NT trump Q, no side K, 5/6X = K in X or two K’s in other two suits), Lackwood (3014 with next suit), DOPI-ROPI, Josephine, asking kings: 6X = K, 6trump = 0, 6NT 2+ kings |

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| **Overcall** |
| Rule of 2/3/4First level overcall occasionally on good 4cardAfter 1x - 1NT - dbl system-on as if we opened 1NT |
| **1NT overcall** |
| In 2nd hand 15-18 HCP, in 4th hand 11-15 HCP, system onAfter 1x - 1NT- 2x: Rubensohl |
| **Jump overcalls**  |
| 2nd level jump overcalls: Pula2 (see opening bids)Other jump overcalls according to rule of 2/3/4After 2x - dbl - pass: Lebensohl (also after dbl in 4th hand)2NT: ♣ and ♦ leaping Michaels (after preemptive openings + answers) |
| **Direct cues** |
| Vulnerable max. 4 losers, non vulnerable max. 5 losersbut 1♣ - 2♣ = Pula2 (see opening bids) and1♦ - 2♦: 5/5 ♠/♥1© - 2©: 5/5 in ª and 2nd suit1♠ - 2ª: 5/5 in © and 2nd suit In 4th hand weaker |
| **After 1NT** |
| In 2nd hand robust, in 4th hand possibly weaker: Pula2 (see opening bids). After penalty dbl on 1NT we play system-on; after suit showing dbl RubensohlAgainst weak 1NT (at most 14 HCP): dbl = 12+, thereafter system on; 2X-overcall = Pula-overcall; 3X = 16+ and 6crd; first dbl and own suit afterwards is 20+ |
| **Dbl after preemptive opening** |
| through 4© competitive |
| **After strong 1§ opening** |
| 1 ª = 13 cards |
| **After take-out double** |
| Truscott, rdbl: 9+ HCP1Y: 6+ HCP, forcing2Y (without jump): 10+ HCP, forcing1m - dbl - 2M: 10-11 HCP with 6card1© - dbl - 2♠: weak with 6card1♣ - dbl - 2♦: minimulti (0-7 HCP with 6card ♥ or ♠) |

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| **Leads and signals** |
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|  | **First lead** | **In partner’s suit** |
| trump | 1st-3rd-5th or xxx | 1st-3rd-5th |
| NT | 1st-3rd-5th or xxx | 1st-3rd-5th |
| Indicative, partner may deviate; errors and carelessnesses occur |
| **Leads** |
| **lead** | **against trump** | **against NT** |
| A | AK(x…)  | AK(x…) |
| K | AKx, KQ(x...) | strong king |
| Q | Qx, QJ(x...) | QJ(x…) |
| J | highest of a serie or of KJ10 | highest of a serie or of KJ10 |
| 10 | highest of a serie or of Q109 | highest of a serie or of Q109 |
| 9 | 1st-3rd-5th | 1st-3rd-5th |
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| **Signals** |
| **trump** | **partner’s lead** | **declarer plays** | **discard** |
| 1st | low = encouraging | low = even | Roman Lavinthal |
| 2nd | idem | idem | idem |
| **NT** |
| 1st | idem | idem | idem |
| 2nd | idem | idem | idem |
|  Lavinthal when switch obviously is needed or when giving partner a ruff |
| **Doubles** |
| **competitive doubles** |
| through 4©. Against 4ª optionallead directing doubles against artificial bidssupport(re)doubles for ♥ and ♠ |
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| **Summary** |
| **General approach** |
| Basis is 5crd major and best minor (3+)2/1 is GFDeviating opening bids on 2-level, 2nd level jump overcalls and 2nd level overcalls after 1NTOvercalls and support bids in a competitive auction may be very weak when not vulnerable against vulnerable |
| **Special** |
| After a double against jump overcalls and after opponent’s overcalls we sometimes use Rubensohl or Lebensohl |
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